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In re Application of:

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DECISION ON SECOND RENEWED PETITION

This decision is issued in response to the "Second Renewed Petition For Revival Of Application" filed by applicants on 21 October 2008. No additional petition fee is required.

BACKGROUND

The background for the present application was set forth in the decisions mailed herein on 12 September 2007 and 17 October 2008, which dismissed applicants' petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, applicants had failed to submit the "required reply" in the form of an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

On 21 October 2008, applicants filed the second renewed petition considered herein.

DISCUSSION

As indicated in the previous decisions, the "required reply" necessary to satisfy the final element of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 executed by the five inventors of record in the international application. The most recent decision indicated that the declaration filed by applicants on 29 January 2008 was not in acceptable form in that it appeared to be a compilation of multiple documents and because it contained unacceptable hand-written alterations.

The present submission includes revised declarations executed by the five inventors of record. These declarations are acceptable in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. Accordingly, applicants have now provided the "required reply," thereby satisfying the final requirement of a grantable petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

CONCLUSION

The second renewed petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application is being referred to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 21 October 2008.

Applicant's request to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(b), filed 04 December 2006, will be addressed by the examiner in due course.

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